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In re Application of :  
Rangan, Worsley, Thaik & Edem :  
Application No.: 09/173,582 :  
Filed: October 15, 1998 :  
Attorney Docket No.: VN-169RI :  
For: DATA COMMUNICATION NETWORK :  
WITH TRANSFER PORT, CASCADE PORT :  
AND/OR FRAME SYNCHRONIZING SIGNAL :

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the reconsideration petition under 37 CFR 1.183 to waive 37 CFR 1.67, filed October 12, 2004. Pursuant to petitioner's authorization, deposit account no. 50-0251 will be charged \$430 for a two month extension of time to timely reply to the June 10, 2004 decision on petition.

In view of the inability to locate inventor Richard Thaik after diligent efforts, it is agreed that justice would be served by waiving the requirement for his signature on the supplemental declarations filed September 15, 2003 (certificate of mailing date September 8, 2003) and October 12, 2004.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.183 to waive 37 CFR 1.67 is **GRANTED**.

The aforementioned supplemental declarations have been accepted, on petition, and placed in the file.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center G.A.U. 2666 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

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